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SUBJECT: GOB REQUEST FOR SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION

REF: LA PAZ 614

1. WE CONCUR IN CT RECOMMENDATION THAT GOB REQUEST FOR CASH PURCHASE OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION (REFTEL) BE APPROVED. DOD WILL DETERMINE QUANTITIES AVAILABLE FOR DELIVERY, AND GOB SHOULD PICK UP CARGO IN CANAL ZONE.

2. FYI: WHILE WE SHARE CT DESIRE TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE TO BANZER DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD, WE BELIEVE DELIVERY OF THIS CARGO BY OFFICIAL U.S. AIRCRAFT UNDER CURRENT CONDITIONS WOULD EXPOSE USG TO SERIOUS CRITICISM HERE AND IN BOLIVIA ON GROUNDS USG AIDING "REPRESSION" OF CAMPESINOS AND WORKERS OPPOSING GOB'S ECONOMIC POLICIES. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND GOB HAS AIRCRAFT WHICH COULD BE USED TO PICK UP THIS CARGO. ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE GOB SHOULD EITHER PICK UP CARGO IN CANAL ZONE OR OTHERWISE ARRANGE FOR
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SHIPMENT TO BOLIVIA. END FYI. KISSINGER

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